

.RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED  
EXAMINING GROUP 1648  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 03495.0199-01000

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Pierre CHARNEAU et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1648  
Application No.: 10/602,663 ) Examiner: L.W.Z. Humphrey  
Filed: June 25, 2003 ) Confirmation No.: 8007  
For: USE OF TRIPLEX STRUCTURE )  
DNA IN TRANSFERRING NUCLEOTIDE )  
SEQUENCES )

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Sir:

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed December 10, 2009. A petition for extension of time and required fee are being filed concurrently herewith.

Please amend this application as follows:

**Amendments to the claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** follow amendments to the claims and begin on page 10.

**Attachments:** Rijck, J.D., et al., "The central DNA flap of the human immunodeficiency virus type 1 is important for viral replication," *Biochemical and Biophysical Research Communications* (2006), 349:1100-1110.